

MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2004
9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Marilyn Showalter, Chairwoman
Richard Hemstad, Commissioner
Pat Oshie, Commissioner

The regular meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on Wednesday, April 28, 2004, by Marilyn Showalter. Glenn Blackmon, Acting Director, Regulatory Services, noted on Page 2, Item A5, Docket UT-040620, Qwest Corporation, Tariff Revision, should be moved to the No Action Agenda. He also noted an Addendum for this meeting consisting of three Consent Agenda items.

E)1. Consent Agenda

Disposition: Commissioner Hemstad moved to approve the consent agenda and direct the Secretary to sign orders and/or letters necessary to affect each action. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

UTILITIES

A)1. Docket Number UE-040641 Puget Sound Energy General rate case, reflecting an increase to recover increased electric revenue requirements of \$81.6 million (6.5 percent). Tariff Revision Advice #2004-09

Appearances: Ken Elgin, staff; Kirstin Dodge, Attorney, Puget Sound Energy

Disposition: Commissioner Hemstad moved to issue a complaint and order suspending tariff revisions filed by the Company. Grant Company's request to file for an increase in its general electric rates pending the final determination of the Commission of the proposed rates. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

A)2. Docket Number UG-040640 Puget Sound Energy General rate case, reflecting an increase to recover increased gas revenue requirements of \$47.2 million (6.29 percent). Tariff Revision Advice #2004-09

Appearances: Ken Elgin, staff; Kirstin Dodge, Attorney, Puget Sound Energy

Disposition: Commissioner Hemstad moved to issue a complaint and order suspending tariff revisions filed by the Company. Grant Company's request to file for an increase in its general electric rates pending the final determination of the Commission of the proposed rates. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

A)3. Docket Number UE-031471 Puget Sound Energy Petition for authorization to defer certain costs related to the Company's power cost only rate filing, in accordance with WAC 480-09-420(7). Petition

Appearances: Merton Lott, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Hemstad moved to enter an order which consolidated the issues raised in this accounting petition, with Company's electric general rate case in Docket UE-040641. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

A)4. Docket Number UE-032043 Puget Sound Energy Petition for an accounting order authorizing deferral and recovery of investment and costs related to the White River Hydroelectric Project. Petition for Accounting Order

Appearances: Merton Lott, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Hemstad moved to enter an order consolidating the unresolved issued in this accounting petition with Company's general rate case in Docket UE-040641. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

A)5. Docket Number UT-040620 Qwest Corporation Amends the current Residence Competitive Response Program and introduces the Residence Competitive Inquiry Program and the Residence Product Save Program. Tariff Revision Advice #3472T

This item has been moved to the No Action Agenda.

A)6. Docket Number UW-040256 H & R Waterworks, Inc. General rate increase of \$22,955 (16 percent) per year. Also includes rate design change to zero allowance and new ancillary charges. The Company serves customers mainly in Thurston County. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Jim Ward, staff

The Commission took no action on the filing, thereby allowing the filing to become effective upon statutory notice.

A)7. Docket Number UW-040657 Rainier View Water Company, Inc. Increases the treatment surcharge to reflect the costs of fluoridation and installation of monitoring equipment (SCADA system). Tariff Revision

Appearances: Danny Kermode, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Hemstad moved to allow the tariff revision filed to become effective May 9, 2004, with conditions. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

A)8. Docket Number UW-040659 Roche Harbor Water System Revises tariff to include up size base meter charges. Service connection charge and facilities charge based on meter size/capacity. Also updates ancillary charge and removes non-used charge. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Jim Ward, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Hemstad moved to issue a Complaint and Order Suspending the Tariff Revisions. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

TRANSPORTATION: No Transportation items for this agenda

OTHER (These items are not subject to the Open Meetings Act.)

C)1. Docket Number TR-021465 Adoption hearing for proposed rules relating to locomotive remote control operations with the Code Reviser. Rulemaking

Appearances: Mike Rowswell, staff; Robert E. Walkley, Attorney, The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company, Mark Ricci, BLET

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Attested by

Carole J. Washburn, Secretary